

from Coll: Steed present Governor of th^t Island th^t by the courage and resolution of th^t Government they have not onely preserved themselves but have made considerable attempts upon the French and taken Marygall and St Bartholemews and St. Martins and question not to carry Martinen and St. Tophars from New Yorke the present Governor there informes th^t the Canada French have Barbarously massacred the Inhabitants of Scharnecksteed a towne neare Albany, The forces of New Yorke are in pursuite of the enemies have sent hither and to Virginia for some assistance The Virginia Government will not be concerned, howsoever wee of this Province are necessatated to contribute the best we can against soe dangerous and known an Enemie having certaine Intelligence from some prisoners th^t they will suddenly attempt Province and Pensulvania of whens we are in dayly expectation and have made preparations for which wee are in great want at present of ammuniton the late Governors had not in the publick Magazine (when the Government was surrendered) above 400 lbs of powder and about 4000 lbs shott and 400 fire armes have however from private stores provided to defend the Province till recruits come which wee hope by the Shipping those Ships th^t have been long in the country are cleared to Virginia to joyne the fleet home ward bound by appoyntment of that Government onely Fyfield and Whitson sailed directly for England with the necessary account to your Lordships of the present estate of Affaires in this Province. I make bold to assure your Lordshipp th^t as I have the Chiefest trust reposed in me by the souldiery and convention soe will to the hazard of all th^t is valuable and neare to me discharge the same for his Majesty's service and the security of this Province and the Inhabitants thereof begging your Lordshipp's pardon for this trouble, I am

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May it please your Lordships
Your Lordships most faithfully Obedient
and humble servant
John Coode.

(Endorsed)

From M^r Coode to the Secretary of State

24th March 1690

Read in Councill 26th Iune 1690.

To the King's most excellet Majesty
The humble petition of William Payne. D. D.

Sheweth,

That your Peticioner and brother Iohn Payne Esq^{re} your Majesties late collector in the Province of Maryland who had

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